

Superior Court of California County of Colusa

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Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Court Updates and Information

The Colusa County Superior Court strives to ensure equal access to justice and the legal process for all court users. Similar to other government agencies, Colusa Superior Court is closely monitoring the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. The Court is in routine communication with local county agencies, other California Trial Courts, and the Judicial Council of California to ensure that we have up-to-date information. To serve the public and community, the Court at this time is operating under normal hours and operations. Any updates will be communicated through our website.

If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 (fever • cough • difficulty breathing,) or believe you have been exposed to the virus, please do not come to the courthouse.

If you are required to report or appear in court, please review these directions:

Jury Service:

If you are not sick, you should report to the courtroom on the date and time indicated on your jury summons as you would normally. You may consider bringing a small container of hand sanitizer with you to the courthouse as an additional precautionary measure.

It is emphasized that if you are sick with respiratory symptoms, a fever or a cough, DO NOT report to jury service. Contact the Jury Commissioner's Office at (530) 458-0431 to request that your jury service be deferred to a future date.

Party/Attorney/Witness:

If you are a party to a case (plaintiff/petitioner, defendant/respondent), an attorney, or a witness and do not feel well or believe you have been exposed to COVID-19, and are scheduled for a court hearing, please contact the clerk's office at (530)458-5149. You can appear by telephone for select hearing types in civil and family law cases using CourtCall. Please refer to our local rules regarding making a telephonic appearance. You can schedule an appearance by calling 888-882-6878 or online at https://courtcall.com/.

Litigants seeking Self-Help Services:

If you are a litigant who requires self-help services and do not feel well or believe you have been exposed to COVID-10 you may call (530) 458-0598 to seek assistance. Resources for providing self-help information over the telephone are limited and are intended only for those who are sick or believe they have been exposed to Coronavirus/COVID-19.

Remote Payment of Fines:

As a general reminder, please consider the following options that are available to court users to minimize the necessity of coming to the courthouse.

- Online payment options are available at: www.colusacourtpay.com
- Telephone payments can be made by calling: (833)460-8565

What is the Colusa County Superior Court doing to mitigate the spread of all contagious illnesses, including COVID-19?

The Court is implementing additional cleaning protocols in high use areas to reduce the potential for transmission of this or other viruses for those coming to our court locations.

It is recommended that Court visitors adhere to the following procedures:

- 1. Frequently, throughout the day, wash your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds;
- 2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- 3. Avoid close contact with persons who are sick;
- 4. If possible, postpone your visit to the Courthouse if you are sick with respiratory symptoms, a fever or a cough;
- 5. Follow the guidance of your doctor or public health officials.

General Information on COVID-19:

How can I keep informed regarding the coronavirus?

The latest information regarding COVID-19 is available on the:

- Centers for Disease Control website at: www.cdc.gov
- California Department of Public Health website at: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx#
- Colusa County Health Services Agency website at: http://www.countyofcolusa.org/99/Public-Health